

REMARKS

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Claims 3, 5, 15 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 16-19 have been amended in order to address the Examiner's rejections under 35 USC 112. Specifically speaking, the chemical formula in these claims has been identified as being formula (1) and "m" and "n" have been defined as each being integers. Support for this amendment can be found in the Examples in the present specification and in the first full paragraph on page 12 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The rejections of claims 3, 5, 15 and 20 under 35 USC 102(b) over the Appel and Igarashi references have been overcome by the cancellation of these claims.

With respect to the obviousness-type double patenting rejections, Claims 1-3 of application Serial No. 10/540 617 are directed to a method of spraying and applying an antipollution area, Claims 5-7 have been canceled, Claims 8-10 are directed in general to an antipollution agent and Claims 11 and 12 are directed to a reciprocating spray apparatus. There is no disclosure in any of these claims of a modified silicone oil. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of the currently pending claims over the claims of Serial No. 10/540 617 on the ground of obviousness double patenting is clearly in error.

With respect to the obviousness double patenting rejection over the claims of application Serial No. 10/546 343, none of the claims in this application specifically disclose the presently claimed modified silicone oil. As shown by the Examples and Comparative Examples in the present specification, the presently claimed modified silicone oil provides unexpectedly improved effects over conventional silicone oils. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of the currently pending claims under the ground of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of application Serial No.

10/546 345 is clearly in error. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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